

What is Claimed is:

1. Apparatus for use in supporting a device to be introduced into a body of a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a base;

5 a guide member that defines a channel for receiving the device to be introduced into the body of a patient; and

a guide support being removably connected to the base and releasably capturing the guide member; wherein the guide support has at least one state in which the guide support defines a first opening, the guide member has at least one state in which the guide member defines a second opening, each of said openings having a width that is at least as wide as the channel to  
10 permit the guide support and the guide member to be separated from the device without removing the device from the body of the patient.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the base further comprises a surface with adhesive adhered thereto for removably adhering the base to the body of a patient.

3. Apparatus for use in supporting a device to be introduced into a body of a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a base having a surface with adhesive adhered thereto for removably adhering the base to the body of a patient;

5 a guide member that defines a channel for receiving the device to be introduced into the body of the patient; and

a guide support that is removably connected to the base and releasably captures the guide member;

10 wherein the guide support has at least one state in which the guide support defines a first opening and the guide member has at least one state in which the guide member defines a second

opening to permit the guide member to be separated from the device without removing the device from the body of the patient.

4. Apparatus for use in supporting a device to be introduced into a body of a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a base defining a mount and having a surface with adhesive adhered thereto for removably adhering the base to the body of a patient;

5 a first guide releasably mountable to the mount and defining a first channel having a first configuration; and

a second guide releasably mountable to the mount and defining a second channel having a second configuration that is different than the first configuration.

5. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the first support comprises:

a first guide that defines the first channel; and

a guide support being removably mountable to the base and releasably capturing the guide member.

6. Apparatus for use in supporting a device to be introduced into a body of a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a base;

5 a guide member that defines a channel for receiving an device to be introduced into a body of a patient; and

a guide support including two portions pivotably connected to one another, a first positioning of the two portions defining a first state of the guide support, a second positioning of the two portions defining a second state of the guide support, the guide support further including a catch that is engaged with the base to releasably mount the guide support thereto when the  
10 guide support is in the first state and is disengaged from the base when the guide support is in the second state.

7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the guide member is releasably captured in the guide support when the guide support is in the second state.

8. Apparatus for use in supporting a device to be introduced into a body of a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a base;

a guide member that defines a channel for receiving the device to be introduced into the

5 body of a patient; and

a guide support including two portions pivotably connected to one another, a first positioning of the two portions defining a first state of the guide support, a second positioning of the two portions defining a second state of the guide support, wherein the guide member is releasably captured in the guide support when the guide support is in the second state.

9. Apparatus for use in supporting a device to be introduced into a body of a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a base for releasable attachment to the body of the patient;

a guide member defining a channel for receiving the device to be introduced into the

5 body of a patient; and

a guide support including two portions movable relative to one another, a first positioning of the two portions defining a first state of the guide support, a second positioning of the two portions defining a second state of the guide support, wherein the guide member is releasably captured in the guide support when the guide support is in the first state and at least one of the  
10 guide support portions may be moved in a direction generally parallel to a major outer surface of the base plate to release the guide.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the guide includes two portions movable relative to one another, a first positioning of the two portions defining an open state of the guide, a second

positioning of the two portions defining a closed state of the guide in which state the guide defines the channel.

11. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the two portions of the guide are pivotably connected to one another.

12. Apparatus for use in supporting a device to be introduced into a body of a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a substantially flat, flexible base; and

a guide member that defines a channel for receiving the device to be introduced into the  
5 body of a patient and is disposed in register with a marginal portion of the base;

wherein the guide member has at least one state in which the guide support defines an opening to permit the guide member to be separated from the device without removing the device from the body of the patient.